

# Budget Unit Brief

## FY 2017



## Undercover Funds

### Purpose and History

Undercover money appropriated by the General Assembly to the Department of Public Safety is used to purchase small amounts of narcotics in an effort to develop intent to deliver cases and to discover or develop larger conspiracies to deliver controlled substances cases. The second use for undercover money is to pay confidential informants for information relative to ongoing investigations. The state money is also used as a match when federal funds become available.

### Funding

The Division of Narcotics Enforcement (DNE) serves as the administrator of Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) undercover funds. A percentage of the funds support undercover operations and the remainder is distributed to local drug task force operations throughout the state. Undercover funds are received primarily from a State General Fund appropriation and are used to match ODCP funds. The annual General Fund appropriation for undercover funds began in FY 1991 at \$275,000. This amount has been steadily decreasing and is currently at \$109,000.

### Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code chapter [80](#)

[661](#) Iowa Administrative Code

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### More Information

Department of Public Safety, Division of Narcotics Enforcement: <http://www.dps.state.ia.us/DNE/index.shtml>

Iowa General Assembly: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/>

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